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THE STROBE

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Parking falls short

by Anna Allen
Editor-in-chief

The number of overnight parking spaces available is not equal to the number of students with green parking permits.

As of October 24th, 415 green parking permits have been provided for on-campus students with cars.

Six lots have been designated for overnight parking; Ross (158 parking spaces), McKay lower (48 parking spaces), McKay rear (95 parking spaces), upper Weston (56 parking spaces), lower Weston (20 parking spaces), and Cedar (37 parking spaces).

This totals 414 available parking spaces, leaving one student without an overnight parking space.

""Today [October 25th] we have to say that we need to add another lot," said Carolyn Reidy-Ruberti, Public Safety Office Manager. According to Chief Cunningham no more overnight parking lots are available.

The 24 hour parking lots were made available in January of this year. "This is our second year of allowing resident students on-campus parking without restriction," said Reidy-Ruberti. "We're finding our way through this."

When asked about designating resident parking according to

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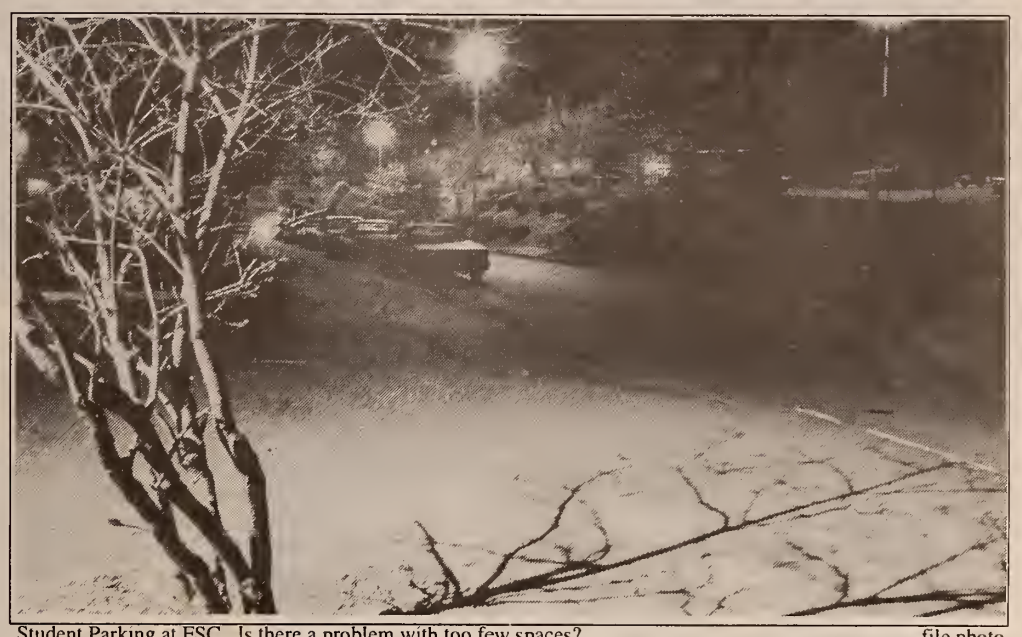


Student Parking at FSC. Is there a problem with too few spaces? file photo

Aids awareness *comes to FSC*

by Vanessa Manni
News Editor

On Thursday October 31, 1996, in honor of AIDS Awareness Day, Health Services will sponsor an all-day program designed to educate students on the facts of AIDS.

Jacqueline Redlin, Nurse Practitioner and Director of Health Services, said that the message the school hopes to convey to the students is "to become a responsible, healthy college citizen, without AIDS."

Dr. Ratto, Vice President of Student Affairs, and Holly Kriedler, of the AIDS Task Force will speak about the "Visual Aids Show." The Visual Aids Show is an art show, depicting the AIDS theme. It will be displayed in the M&M lounge during the week of October 28 through November 1, 1996.

In the Ellis White Lecture Hall from 9:30 to 10:25 am, two speakers who contracted the HIV virus while in college will discuss what it is like to live with the disease. Following that discussion, Judy Graham, who contracted HIV 6 years ago, will speak about her bout with the virus.

There will also be two workshops during the All-College Hour, 1:30-2:30 pm. The first is titled "AIDS in the Workplace." Dr. Richard Williams, from the Polaroid Corporation, will discuss the business aspects of having AIDS, such as policies and legalities.

In the second workshop, called "Interactive AIDS Workshop," AIDS peer educators from Boston will educate participants with games and information related to "catching AIDS." These workshops will take place in G-04 and G-05, respectively.

In addition to the above activities, many tables will be set-up in G-lobby with groups involved with AIDS awareness, such as Pro-Health, Counseling Services, Smart Choices, Peer Educators, and the AIDS Task Force.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The American voter wants to know the color of underwear the president is wearing, but people often get mad at reporters for telling them."

-Bill Phillips '94

Lanciani addresses SGA issues

by Vanessa Manni
News Editor

On October 15, 1996, Steve Lanciani, Vice President of Facilities Management, was the guest speaker at the Student Government Association meeting. The discussion that took place was primarily about the moving of the campus mailboxes into what is now the craft-center.

One student said, "It is not the student center anymore, it's the President's Center."

Lanciani began talking about the accessability factor. "Every student that has a disability is given a key to the elevators and they can get from the basement, all the way up to the 6th floor of this building," said Lanciani.

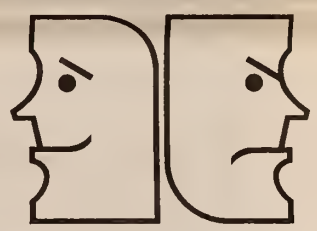
Student Government President, Zach Darrows, brought up the point that book theft is an issue of concern for the students.

Another issue that emerged in discussion was "means of egress." As of right now, there is only one way in and out of the hallway in question. Lanciani said that they would certainly provide the students with two ways out, also meeting the code requirements.

The third issues that Lanciani brought up concerned the amount of money that will be spent on the project. Folets, the bookstore company that is donating the funds, has promised the college up to $250,000 for renovations.

In addition, there is about $20,000 of Fitchburg State College's money set aside to be applied to the moving process.

In deciding where the bookstore will go, the President's



cabinet deliberated many alternatives. One of the ideas was to build the bookstore "down the street" where the new recreation center will be built, but the cost of that would not be feasible. Lanciani recapped several of the other possiblities that were considered.

Lanciani, like President Riccards last month, offered to meet with committees or subcommittees on this issue to discuss any other alternatives.

One student said that "It is not the student center anymore, it's the President's Center."

The renovations, according to the Facilities Vice President, will not begin before the summer of 1997.

Seeing through new eyes

by Vanessa Manni
News Editor

On Friday October 25th photographs taken by McKay 5th graders were on display in the library. At 12:00pm a presentation took place in front of the steps of Thompson Hall. The display was part of a project for Dr. Diana Suskin's Creative Arts class.

According to Lance Johnson, a senior Elementary Education

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Fifth graders' photography photo by Vanessa Manni

FSC plans ahead

1. Work has begun with the new athletic facility: design, buying up properties with college money, deciding what the facility will offer (ie. swimming pool, etc).

2. In the process of putting a handicap accessible restroom in Percival, which should be complete within the next few months.

3. Fixing the windows in the Hammond Building.

4. Air conditioning is being installed in more McKay classrooms for summer classes that are held there.

5. Relocation of the Financial Aid Office to the Anthony Building. The Physical Fitness Offices will ultimately be moved into the new Athletic center.

6. Within the next 5-10 years, the Anthony Building will hopefully become the Enrollment Management Center.

7. Highland Ave. may be blocked off as a pedestrian way.

8. Percival Auditorium will soon be updated with new curtains, seats, etc.

Spring 1997 Registration Schedule

Registration for the 1997 Spring Semester will take place next month at McKay:

Class of 1997, November 4, 1996
Class of 1998, November 6, 1996
Class of 1999, November 12, 14, 1996
Class of 2000, November 19, 21, 1996

All sessions will be held from 12:30 to 4:15 pm

Free peer tutoring

Peer tutoring in mathematics is available in the Mathematics Skills Center on the 3rd floor of the Hammond Building.

Hours:
Monday-Thursday 11:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Sunday 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Kunze visits FSC

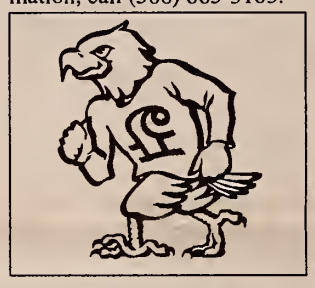
by Presley Reese
Staff Reporter

Artwork by Jeanne Kunze will be on exhibit in the Fitchburg State College Art Gallery from October 30, 1996 through December 4, 1996. An opening reception will be held in the gallery at 7:30pm, following the lecture in the Ellis White Lecture Hall at 6:30 pm.

A graduate of the Massachusetts College of Art, Kunze is currently a fine arts instructor at Waltham Senior High School.

Her work has been on display at Gallery 21 in Lowell, the Cherry Stone Gallery in Wellfleet, and at Harvard University.

The Hammond Gallery is located on the second floor of the Campus Center. The Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. For more information, call (508) 665-3163.



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seniority, Reidy-Ruberti said that this has been presented to Steve Lanciani, who said that they would continue to add overnight lots as necessary.

Public Safety has jurisdiction in the lots and the quad. Students found in violation of campus parking regulations are fined according to the rules detailed on of the rules receive a warning through campus mail.

On October 17th a second on-street check was conducted by public safety. This time, students found in violation of the rules received a twenty-five dollar fine. A second offense results in a fifty dollar fine. Third and subsequent offenses result in a one-hundred dollar fine.

"[We] Try to react to what the students need and want," said Reidy-Ruberti. "We want the students to be happy. [It's] Tough, parking has to be provided for lots of groups of people."

For more information on parking regulations, or to get a parking permit, stop by Public Safety.

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major, each college student had two fifth grade students for a three week period, in which the fifth grade student would show the college students the process of photography.

Essentially, Dr. Suskin's college class was "learning through the eyes of young students how to take pictures," said Kevin Starr. Starr, also a 1997 graduating Elementary Eduaction major, served as the emcee in Friday afternoon's presentation. In the three week period, both groups of students learned to do more than take pictures. They "learned to express themselves through music and dance," said Starr.

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Italy in the summer time

by Mike Poirier
Sports editor

So what are you doing next summer? Not sure, but you would like to travel. If a month in Italy, including twenty days in Rome, sounds good to you keep reading.

FSC is sponsoring a trip to Italy from late June to July where students will have the opportunity to see the beauty of Italy through its museums and its history.

The trip includes twenty days in Rome, three days in Florence, Siena, Padua, and Venice and a day in Capri and Tivoli. An art history teacher in Rome will act as a tour guide, three days a week, for those interested in seeing Roman artifacts and archaelogical sites.

The cost is $3,000, not including Continuing Education and Tuition fees, but what it does include is room and board, airfare, a free bus pass for Rome, a possible audience with the Pope and tours of many of the major museums in Italy.

Another added bonus to the trip is that students can take courses ranging from Introduction to Italian, Renaissance Art and two water color classes for beginners and more advanced students. The classes are in the morning which gives the students the opportunity to see the sights of Rome throughout the course of the afternoon and evening.

If you are interested please see Lou Lorenzen on November 4th and 13th at 3:30 in Room 330 in the Industrial Arts building. If you can't make the meeting please call him at extension 3329 or at home 508-534-8294. You can leave messages on voice mail.

If you plan to go to Spooky World to be scared, forget it. The only scary things there are the parking lots; dark, dank, nasty smelling old fields which try to such the shoes off of your feet.

Support/Discussion Group Meetings for Students with Disabillities

Oct 22 In Search of Ourselves: Exploring Self-Esteem
Presenter: Kathy Larocco

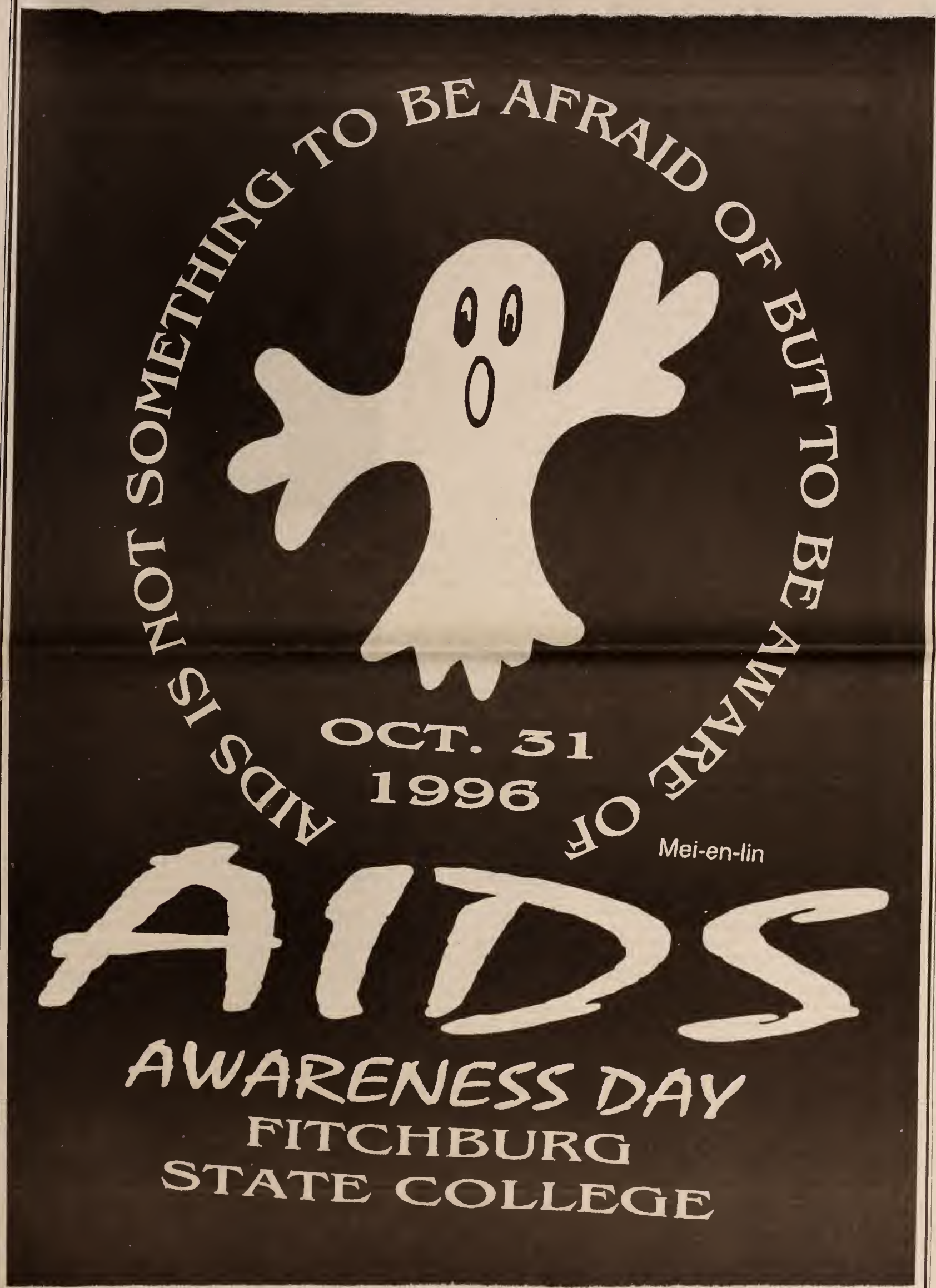
Oct 29 Independence: Can I Really Make It On My Own
Presenter: Joe Belil, Center for Living & Working

Nov 5 Disability & Substance Abuse: More Common Than You Think
Presenter: Diane Rose

Nov 12 We Have Bodies Too: Being Comfortable with Our Sexuality
Presenter: Cindy Purcell

Nov 19 Staying Connected: Building your own Support Group
Presenter: Willa Peterson

Meetings are from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Hammond Building, room B-26. For more information, please call Project Enable at x3064.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Students learn about the presidential election

Melissa Cordeiro
Features Editor

Our children are the key to a brighter future, and one FSC student has just helped make it a little brighter. On October 17, Mike Poirier, a senior at FSC, gave an impromptu history lesson to fourth graders at South Street Elementary School about the upcoming election, the candiates, their views and what's involved in an election.

This class of inquisitive students cooperated with enthusiasm as they asked and answered questions about the election. In two weeks the students will hold their own mock election and may also have a debate where they role play the candidates themselves.

Teaching this topic Poirier highlighted main facts about the candidates. Through occasional student questioning he explained that Bob Dole is a former U.S. Senator from Kansas and President Bill Clinton is the former Governor from Arkansas. Then he clarified in the simplest of terms that Dole wants Clinton's job.

"Clinton has been in office for four years and is a Democrat," said Poirier. "He strives for people to have a chance to get a good education, help out the environment, and wants to keep taxes down so your moms and dads don't have to pay so much money."

He then explained the criteria for becoming president. The President has to be 35 years old or older, have been born in this country, and have had to live in the United States for at least 14 years. This, he explained, is because to become president you have to know a lot about this country.

When he spoke of the opponent Bob Dole he said, "He has the same idea as Clinton. He wants students to get the best education as possible. He is especially tough on drugs and wants to make sure there aren't any drugs on the street. Why?," he asked.

"... Because drugs can kill people," said one student.

He went on to say, "He is also wants to raise taxes because our country is so much in debt. He wants to get us out of debt and thinks it is just one of the solutions."

Poirier then put a strong emphasis on the environment.

"Both candidates are very concerned with this," said Poirier. "When you're adults you'll be in charge someday and these men want to make sure your kids have a place where there's fresh air and clean water."

What the Mock Election symbolizes is what it would be like if the students were allowed to vote now, and who they would vote for.

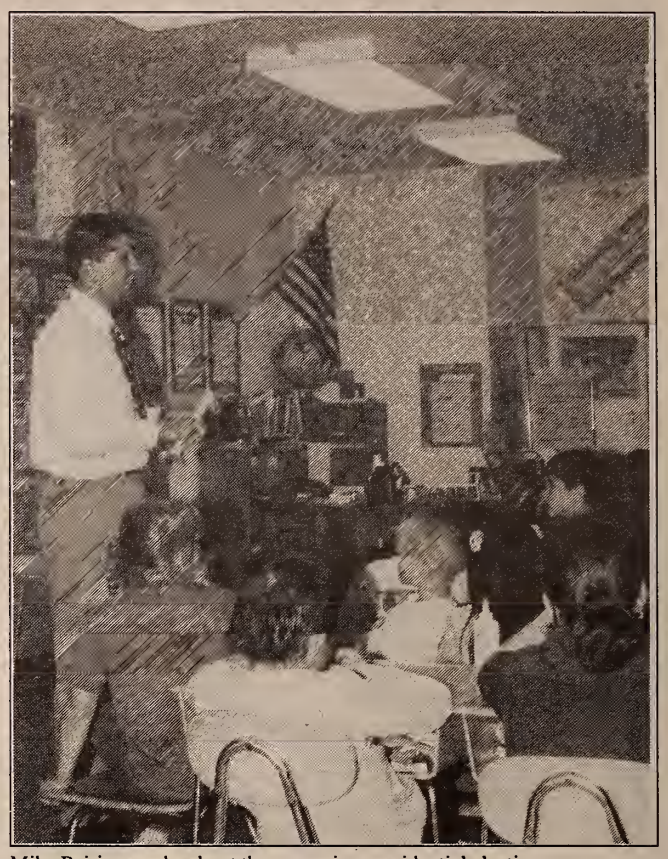
Michelle Cote, FSC '96, is a Special Education Teacher at South Street and her fourth grade class is participating in this event.

"I never got these kinds of presentations in school and I think it's really important that they learn about the democratic process," said Cote. "For a decent amount of these kids' parents, English isn't their primary language and it's difficult for them to understand the processes involved during an election. So it's very important for them to learn this at a young age."

"This shows kids that in years to come they will have the opportunity to do this. If you start out with an interest now, then it will affect them when they have the ability to vote when they're able to," said Cote.

After the presentation Poirier shared his views.

"1996 has been declared the "Year of the Citizen" at FSC and what that means to me is contributing in any way, shape or form to the surrounding communities here at FSC. This is our (the students of FSC) opportunity to give back to the community," said Poirier "whether it's by teaching kids the importance of Democracy or the value of teamwork, it is sharing with the community what has been shared with us in the past."


Mike Poirier speaks about the upcoming presidential election.

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Dr. Cunningham trains for the Turkey Trot

Dean A. Rios
Contributing Writer

Many know him as a health and fitness instructor, or have seen him running around at lunch time with a small group of people on North Main Street. He is a witty, intelligent man with a medium 5'8 runners frame who loves to run. He has been teaching here at Fitchburg State in the physical education department for over twenty years.

Dr. Lee Cunningham explains the "running boom" a trend where many people started running for fitness. He runs year round, training for various road races and marathons. He has a total of 25 marathons, including Boston 9 times as well as a host of other New England marathons.

Slatery's Back Room Turkey Trot is a road race in Fitchburg. It's a race which Dr. Cunningham has been running consistently since it's debut in 19a race which he describes as a "mark race". He explains that, "Year to year you can test your level of fitness running Slatery's because nothing changes (in the race) except for the weather."

He has consistently recorded competitive times at the Turkey Trot, and in 1987, finished the five mile road race in 30 minutes, a performance good enough to award him first place for his age division.

However the 1987 winner of he Turkey Trot was unable to defend his title in 1988 do to injury. This years 16th annual running of the Turkey Trot he finds himself in a similar predicament, again being unable to compete do to injury.

Dr. Cunningham appears not to be discouraged by his current injury. He is confident that he will be able to conquer adversity once again. He has progressively come back from a hip injury sustained in1988, involving a bicycle accident.

I was riding my bicycle back from school while cross-training for a biathlon when the accident occurred," said Cunningham.

His progress from the hip injury may be noted from the times he recorded in the past recent years running the Turkey Trot. He confesses that his performance was definitely hindered by the hip injury. "I favored one leg," said Cunningham, "and was unable to propel off both feet evenly, therefore was unable to perform to my maximum potential."

He finished the race in thirty-five minutes in 1991, and 34 minutes in 1993. He has trained hard this year and hopes to once again record a competitive time.

This years's goal is to finish in 32 minutes," said Cunningham.

To achieve this goal he has been running 40 to 45 miles per week. His training regimen consisted of speed work on the track which he has been doing since April, and long, two hour endurance run

When I train for races I like to run with a few people," said Cunningham. "It makes running more enjoyable."

In a literal sense, Dr. Cunningham has seen his chance to record a competitive time for this years Turkey Trot crash down with a loud bang before his eyes. In the beginning of October, he fell approximately 10 feet from a ladder while painting his house and broke his right ankle. he is know confined to a cast for the next two months and estimates that this injury has set back his training for two years.

Dr. Cunningham will aggressively approach physical rehabilitation with hope to once again achieve an optimum level for performance, similarly to the way he approached rehabilitation for his hip injury.

Currently I am riding the stationary bicycle and am doing upper body strengthening work to maintain a good fitness level," he said.

Dr. Cunningham attributes a strong recovery from the hip injury to good fitness, and hopefully should recover from his current injury strong as well.

When the cast is off and I start running again, I will be running to regain the level of fitness I lost while in the cast, rather than running to improve performance," he said.

The 16th Annual Slattery's Back Room Turkey Trot will be held on Sunday, November 24, at Slattery's Back Room Pub. The race runs straight through FSC.

Expressing one's true identity

Melissa Cordeiro
Features Editor

"I wouldn't even let myself think about it. I really isolated myself," said Koren. "I've always felt different and didn't want to let people get too close to know I'm different."

Koren has come out of the closet, she is a lesbian. Through an inward struggle as a child, teenager, then an adult, she has finally become honest with her true self.

She explained that by the time she was 12 the way the attraction of the same sex came up in her mind was in dreams.

"My first dream, I remember waking up from it and being very scared about it. I would replay the dream in my head and put a guy in the girls place and that's the only way I would be able to go back to sleep," said Koren. "I felt it was wrong and it wasn't the way it's suppose to be."

As a teenager Koren maintained the typical role of a teenage girl in high school. Still, she could distinguish the difference between her and her friends.

"I'd have boyfriends . I dated some really nice guys. I knew I had to have a boyfriend because all the other girls did," she said. "But, I knew my friends felt differently about their boyfriends than I did about mine, just by the way they would talk about them."

By her senior year she had been in a serious relationship with her boyfriend and started wondering if this was the person she was going to marry. She said around this time she started examining her feelings. Then she went to college.

I think being away from home just let me feel what I was feeling. At that point I made a conscience choice to be happy, which meant being true to my feelings no matter what anyone cared," said Koren.

In becoming true to herself, she started to allow herself to have feelings for other women.

I went to a small Catholic college and developed a crush on my tennis coach," said Koren. " I fell head over heels."

She explained it was difficult to have feelings for someone whom she figured wouldn't reciprocate those feelings. As for her boyfriend, the relationship ended quickly.

"My tennis coach and I were good friends," said Koren. "When I told her how I felt about her she said she loved me, but not in that way."

"Around this time I ended breaking up with my boyfriend. I think he started to sense me backing off. I feel bad up until this day," said Koren, "but it's better I didn't end up marrying him."

Gradually throughout this year Koren became more comfortable with coming out to her closest friends. She said a part of this coming out was allowing herself to have close friends and open up to them. After a successful year both academically and athletically she acquired a highly respectful reputation amongst other students and faculty. It took only one night for this to diminish.

"There was a boy who had a crush on me and he realized it wasn't going to happen because I was a lesbian. Then, with about two weeks left to school, he got drunk at a softball party one night and told everyone," said Koren. "I definitely had a good name for myself as an athlete and a student, and after this I noticed a big difference in the way people acted toward me. Some people just stopped talking to me."

I can't say I lost my good friends, though. What they say about when there are hard times you find out who your real

WXPL rages on toward new tunes

Melissa Cordeiro
Features Editor

Lou Schoenthal and Seth Wereska

"Oop, EEp, Op, Aw - Aw, Bing, Bam, Boom," could be some of the raging new tunes coming from the basement of Thompson Hall. Music of the future is continuing to rock the air waves on WXPL.

Starting out as a radio club about 15 years ago they didn't have an antenna so they transmitted on Carrier Current, (this means they transmitted through the power lines on campus).

Then around 1988 they acquired an AM license and officially became WXPL. From there they got the frequency of 91.3 FM.

Presently they are working on expanding the schedule and looking like a more professional radio station.

"We play a huge mix of music," said Seth Wereska, Programming Director. "It's all pretty much brand new stuff, - not amazingly popular. It's from artists who haven't made it yet. This is how college radio stations find what becomes mainstream."

This process of finding new bands is made possible by a company called CMJ. They send WXPL disks and they report what they like. The results come out amongst other college radio stations as to what is future mainstream in SPIN Magazine, (a popular music magazine).

The students involved with the radio station do it out of dedication only, and do not get school credit. They welcome any new members to drop by the basement of Thompson Hall to check things out.

8:30 am-4:30 pm	**Day Show play the newest music they most recently received**
4:30pm-7:00pm	**A couple of specialty shows who play just one type of music**
7:00pm-2:00am	**Blocking schedules:** **Sat., Tues., Fri. - Alternative music** **Mon. - Metal** **Wed., Thurs. - Urban music** **Sat. - DJ's choice**

Police Log

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1996

ARREST - Joel Jean-Jaques of Russell Towers on a Default Warrant from Dorchester Court for illegal possession of a firearm.
DANGEROUS CONDITION - Officer called to check out yellow warning light that had been activated at Mara Village, Building #4.
REQUEST FOR POLICE - Emergency Call box activated at McKay and officers responded to check out the area.
MOTOR VEHICLE TOW - Officers towed an unregistered, uninsured car from North St. #3 lot.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1996

MEDICAL CALL - Officers responded to Russell Towers on a medical call. Student transported to Burbank ER for evaluation.
FIRE ALARM - Steam from a shower caused two fire alarms at Aubuchon Hall.
ASSIST OTHER POLICE - Officer assisted Fitchburg PD with a motor vehicle stop at the intersection of Myrtle Ave. and Pearl St.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1996

REQUEST FOR POLICE - Officer was notified of youths throwing rocks at passing cars on Pearl St. Fitchburg Police notified.
REQUEST FOR POLICE - Officer requested at Russell Towers for a call reporting three subjects banging on doors. All three gone upon officer's arrival.
ANIMAL COMPLAINT - Officer responded to a complaint of a stray dog on the Hammond Quad.
MOTOR VEHICLE TOW - Uninsured car towed from the North #3 Lot.
ASSIST OTHER PD - Officer responded to a complaint of a stray dog on the Hammond Quad.
AMBULANCE CALL - Resident of Aubuchon transported to Burbank ER by Patriot Ambulance.
ASSIST OTHER PD - Officer assisted Fitchburg PD at a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of North and Pearl Streets.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1996

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY - Officer checked out individual parked in Ross St. Lot.
BURGLAR ALARM - Activated in the Hammond Building. Officers responded and checked out the building.
DISTURBANCE - Officers responded and broke up a fight in the Ross St. Lot.
DOMESTIC A&B - Officers investigated a reported of a Domestic Assault and Battery at Russell Towers.
MEDICAL CALL - Officer responded to Percival Hall with Patriot Ambulance.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1996

BREAKING & ENTERING - Officer investigated a reported break -in to a building at Elliot Field.
ASSAULT & BATTERY - Officer called to investigate a past A&B at Holmes Dining Commons.
SUSPICIOUS PERSON - Officer checked area around Holmes for a reported suspicious person.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1996

FIRE ALARM - Unknown cause for an activation of the fire alarm in Russell Towers.
MOTOR VEHICLE TOW - Officers stopped an unregistered, uninsured car in the rear parking lot of McKay School and had it towed.
DISTURBANCE - Officers responded to a report of a fight in progress in Weston Auditorium. J-Board complaints are being filed against the student involved.
ASSAULT & BATTERY - Officer requested to respond and investigate a reported A&B at Russell Towers.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1996

REQUEST FOR POLICE - Officer responded to Mara Village to a report of an intoxicated person.
REQUEST FOR POLICE - Officers responded to Weston Lot to an report of an intoxicated individual. No problem found, individual taken home by friend.

Getting it done the FSC way

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by Joel Hurley
Co-opinion-editor

I'd like to congratulate our fine school on its slow and nearly invisible improvement process. While most schools make plans for improvement and work feverishly to push those plans into action, our school seems to have taken on the apathetic spirit of its own student body.

While the students living in Herlihy can finally, after MANY months of waiting, walk up a new set of stairs, the unfortunate handicapped students still have no ramp with which they can use. I guess the handicapped students aren't really important, they can just wait until the people responsible for the ramp get off their coffee break or something. I won't go into detail of how they wasted money by ripping up work they had already done over the summer, because I don't want to kick anyone while they're down, and sleeping.

Have you plugged in your computer, phone, or cable jack yet? Oh sorry, I forgot that we still aren't hooked up. Sure, they tell us the reason we haven't been able to hook up to these services yet is because the paper work takes a long time, and this is true, but why did it take so long to start the paperwork in the first place? Look at other state colleges like Bridgewater or North Adams and you'll find that they had just as much paper work, yet they are hooked up. Maybe the state just doesn't like us, and maybe that's why they gave us more paper work?

"if we convert F.S.C. years into real world years... our great-grand children should be the first students to swim in the new F.S.C pool."

Can't you hear the dinging of the bell as the trolley rolls through campus on this brisk fall day? Well if you can you must be cuckoo, because there is no trolley in Fitchburg. Maybe it lost a wheel or something on its way down from Vermont, but it definitely isn't here. I'm sure whoever told the fairy tail story of the trolley-that-wasn't, will blame it on the city, because the school has enough unfulfilled promises as it is.

Did anyone go to the ground breaking ceremony for the new recreation facility last year? Go peek at the hole Governor Weld dug, I caught a huge trout in it yesterday. I wonder when they'll actually start doing some work down there. They say that the seniors and juniors definitely won't use the facility, the sophomores might not use it, and the freshman should be able to use it. Now if we convert F.S.C. years into real world years, using the realistic conversion method, our great-grand children should be the first students to swim in the new F.S.C pool.

I don't believe that our school intends to be slow and inefficient, but it is difficult to ignore the many unfulfilled promises and obligations that have occurred recently. Lets hope that these situations are not reflective of the path F.S.C. intends to travel going into the 21st century.

Domestic violence hits home

by Kimberly White
Correspondent

Attending college is enough pressure in itself, without having to worry about life's other upsets. One of which is domestic violence.

One out of five women will be the subject of domestic abuse. Magaly Rios, a freshman Psychology major, learned firsthand about violence in a relationship. When asked about her situation Maggie said that her boyfriend, "controlled every aspect of her life."

Maggie lived with her boyfriend for two years. Seven months into that relationship, her boyfriend pulled her hair violently when they were arguing. The incident later progressed to other forms of violence.

Her boyfriend had an alcohol problem, which often leads to abuse. He started slapping her face and then graduated to giving her black eyes and kicking her in the stomach. Maggie tried to leave her abusive situation many times, but had little or no support from her family. The family thought that Maggie should, "try to work things out."

Maggie had no job and no means of financial support. She did not have the support of her family. This beautiful young lady had no where to turn, and like other women in her situation, she went back to her dysfunctional way of life.

After returning to her boyfriend's home, it didn't take long before the abuse started again. Maggie often said, "I feel like a puppet on a string, and I have no where else to go." This case was especially heartbreaking to me, because Maggie is my best friend, not just a nameless and faceless statistic.

One morning Maggie woke up and decided that enough was enough. She walked over to Student Affairs to find out if she could get an emergency loan to get a dorm room. Maggie spoke with Student Affairs' Vice President, Ann Coyne. She broke down into tears and told Ann about her situation, asking for help.

Within fifteen minutes, Maggie had two keys to her new townhouse. Ann Coyne applied Maggie's financial aid to pay for her room and board. "Ann Coyne was so understanding, Maggie said. "She literally saved my life."

No one has to suffer through abuse. There are many people at this school who are willing to help students in trouble. Counselors are available to talk to students with problems.

A special thanks goes out to Ann Coyne, Vice president of Student affairs, who made leaving an abusive relationship an easy transition. Maggie is doing fine living here on campus. I'm glad. I missed her smile. If you are in a bad situation and need help with campus living, please call Student Affairs at (508) 665-3130.

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Campus police strikes

by Lisa Milewski
Correspondent

I'm already having a bad day, so as I head to my mailbox I'm hoping that someone from the outside world has remembered me up in college land. When I get to my mailbox, low and behold the only thing in there is a nicely fashioned letter that had been massed-produced and sent out to many unfortunate students on campus. It's a letter from Public Safety telling me that I had been in violation of some code 12, section something. Being a resident of this college, I am therefore forfeiting my rights as a citizen and local resident of Fitchburg to park on a public city street.

I realize that in that incredibly long and official document that I signed in order to live on campus, I agreed that I would not park on the streets. That was before I knew how many people on this campus own cars and keep them here, therefore making it practically impossible to find a parl spot anywhere within a close proximity of my residence hall.

Now I don't know about you, but I have the opportunity to keep my eye on my car in the street, and it makes me feel safer knowing that I can look out the window and observe that it is all in one piece. After all the break-ins and destructive reports we read about in the Police Log, I get a little worried leaving the most valuable thing I own in a parking lot that is only patrolled for the purpose of seeing what new rules we are breaking to be cited for tickets, not to check for suspicious activities or such.

So now that I owe Public Safety $25, I decided to call them up and ask why I wasn't given a first warning. The woman said that my car probably was not parked on the street that night, that should tell her that I don't do this all the time, and therefore shouldn't have to pay. She said that because I was in violation, I do have to pay. "You signed the housing contract, right?," she asked.

"...Public Safety would just have to get in line behind Nynex, VISA, and Fitchburg State College to get money from me."

"Yes," I replied

"Well it was in there," she said.

So, okay, I didn't actually read the entire contract. (Raise your hand if you actually did.) Okay, see? So I proceeded to tell her the reasons why I had previously parked on the street, and I asked her why they had the right to ticket me while I was parked on a city street, not official college property. She told me to come in and appeal it, and that it was a violation, not a ticket. When you get a ticket, doesn't it say violation right across the top? I asked her why when someone is locked out of their car or needs a jump on a city street, Public Safety cannot and will not help us, yet they are issuing "violations" to students for being on those same streets. I don't believe she gave an answer for that. At this point in our heated debate, I was pretty upset. I told her that you can't squeeze blood from a stone, and Public Safety would just have to get in line behind Nynex, VISA, and Fitchburg State College to get money from me. She didn't have an answer for that.

The next thing mentioned in this letter is that they'll put a hold on my grades and records, and such. All over a $25 fine. Please. I have signed my name on so many lines just to come up with everything I need to ensure myself staying in college that these people are worried about my paying them $25? Well they should be. I am going to be stingy with my money and fight this all the way to the end. Why should I have to pay a fine just because parking on the street was more convenient than parking in lower McKay, and risk being mugged on the way home? Shouldn't they be more concerned with our safety? After all, aren't they called Public Safety? My car wasn't hurting anyone where it was parked. It was not parked in

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Just say no to drugs

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article 'To legalize or not to legalize.' I am repulsed at Mr. Fredericks' ignorance and immaturity of the topic of which he has written. Many people support the legalization of marijuana, that much stands true. Mr. Fredericks is not only supporting marijuana but all drugs including cocaine, heroin and other street drugs.

His first sentence "Drugs should be legalized" appalls me. He obviously has no background involving these drugs. He refers to having the right to do what you want with your body. This is all fine and dandy until your strung out on coke and that tree jumps out at you and you swerve and end up killing a pregnant women.

I would also like to know what changes, in regards to drug use, Mr. Fredericks is referring to. The only changes that I know of occurring are that more people are using illegal drugs and that more people are dying from these drugs. Mr. Fredericks is grasping at straws. It sounds as if he needed more content so he tried to bull his way through it.

By making these street drugs legal the consequences would be grave. I do see some validity in the statement that "people like to do what they're not supposed to do" but the legalization of illegal drugs would spawn such a curiosity in society causing the person who "just says no" to say "well if the government says I can." I am also not saying that we would become a "nation of drug addicts." I am saying that more people would become addicted and the percentage of overdoses would increase leaving behind a trail of death.

Parenting and education are important tools when it comes to the reasons for not using drugs. If legalization occurred, drugs would become a social institution with no boundaries on whom they could harm.

Even though the FDA may be able to regulate how much is in a joint or how much is in a package, they could never regulate how much the person takes unless an official FDA worker stood over their shoulder. The deaths related to drugs would not be minimized; the deaths would be maximized because of the availability. I am from this generation, yet if this is the popular thought of this generation I would have to wish I was not. It would only show that this generation's parents have neglected us because of our ignorance that they would have instilled on us.

"If legalization occurred, drugs would become a social institution not having boundaries on whom it could hurt."

Mr. Fredericks asks the question "Why then are drug dealers still taking our money, our neighborhoods, and our children?" It is not up to the government to truly stop this. It is up to the people who care and want to take a stand. These drug dealers may be taking Mr. Fredericks' money but they are not taking mine.

I value people's opinions only when they are founded on truth and logic. When these opinions become founded on ignorance and immaturity the opinions should be and will be thrown to the ground for a beating. Mr. Fredericks, I urge you to speak to a former drug addict and then think about it. That is if you have the intellect to do so.

(Anonymous)

Car Smash

Today Between Daka and Russell Towers

from 11:30 until it's dead!!!

Do you want to take a sledge hammer to a car, or a paino. . . It's your choice!

Nursing students, schedules, and requirements don't mix

by Rachelle Kowalski
Correspondent

While everyone is making up five different schedules for the upcoming registration, I am again feeling gypped. As a junior nursing student, I have a real easy time making a schedule due to the lack of choices, but when it comes to enjoying or even remotely caring about the electives, I have a hard time.

When I registered for the present semester, I still had to fulfill one interdisciplinary, and one history requirement. I had one choice in terms of a history course, History of Military Experiences. I am not one for memorizing dates, especially when the topic totally disinterests me. I had two choices for an interdisciplinary, and although this may sound good to some, they were both philosophy courses, which is not much of a selection. Those three classes were the only ones that fit into my schedule. I have clinical all day Monday and Tuesday, so any class that falls on either of those days is out. I have a nursing course Wednesday through Friday 8:30-10:30, so this leaves out any class earlier than 10:30.

Registration is upon us again, and I am trying to figure out what courses I can take that will interest me. I am taking philosophy now, so I still have a history requirement to fulfill. There are exactly two choices, one on the history of Mexico, and the other is on the history of the Middle East. I have absolutely no background in either of these, and history is not my best subject. Why can't they open a U.S. History course on the days that nursing students can take it? I would much rather take a course that I know a little about so I can have an idea of what I am learning. It feels like every semester we get stuck taking courses no one else has even heard of because they are the only ones that fit into our already made schedules.

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In our Nursing Handbook we received as freshmen, there is a schedule of when it is suggested that we take certain courses, one of which is Applied Statistics. I guess that the math department forgot that we have to take that, because every section falls on a Monday. Hopefully another section will be opened, seeing as it is a requirement.

It also feels like I can never take a course that I would enjoy, such as an art class. My mother says to me every semester "Why don't you take something fun?" I certainly would if I could, at least I would be getting what I paid for. I didn't pay money to be stuck in a class that I will not succeed in because I have no desire to be there. I think something should be done to ensure nursing students a fair chance to take courses that interest us in some way. I would even be willing to take an evening course, but I am not willing to pay the extra money the school demands for taking one. If there are no classes open that meet a requirement, I feel that we should be able to take a course at night for free. It isn't as if we are asking for an extra class. I pay my tuition, and I should be able to take classes that are both required and enjoyable. I would still be taking the same amount of classes, just at a different time. I hope that in the future some effort will be made to accommodate the nursing students who pay good money to come here.

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front of an access ramp nor a yellow zone, or even someone's driveway. It was in a spot that, had I not had that little green sticker on my car, I wouldn't have had to deal with this whole thing. I think that Public Safety/Campus Police needs to start focusing in on some more realistic safety issues on this campus, like the fact that students are scared to walk alone at night, and all the break-ins into our cars instead of being so worried where we are parked. If our ears aren't hurting anyone, why do we have to put up with so much crap just to be allowed to have one on campus? I need my ear here, and this college needs more parking spots. Why don't we just deal with that for a while? Leave the students alone for a while. We are, after all, the whole reason that this college is here and I get the feeling that too many people have forgotten that.

Make points instead of pointing

Keith Fredericks
Co-opinion-editor

My name is Keith Fredericks and I write controversial articles. In an attempt to draw people's attention I often argue the least socially accepted side of a debate. My expectations for my articles are that students will write well-thought out rebuttals. This rarely happens.

If a student on campus wishes to express an opinion, I support, encourage, and plead that they do so by writing an article for the Strobe. The Strobe is the most efficient way to be heard here on campus. However, the Strobe is not a medium to be used for venting personal problems, or to slander fellow students.

To the anonymous individual who took offense to my article 'To Legalize or not to Legalize' I express disappointment. I was excited to read a rebuttal to my article, because it's the main reason I write on controversial subjects. The rebuttal is unfortunately a disappointment. The main points can be summed up in one paragraph, while personal insults and emotional venting occupy the rest of it's content. The author then discredited him/herself by not signing a name.

'The Strobe' is in dire need of writers and will accept all types of creative opinionated writing. The opinion staff encourages rebuttals on any article printed in the school newspaper. However, the opinion staff discourages any rebuttals that stray from the subject matter and focus on 'the writer.' If a student has a personal problem with another student, he/she should contact student affairs. If a student has some intuitive thoughts about a subject, debate, or issue, he/she should write for the Strobe.

"The Strobe is the most efficient way to be heard here on campus."

Freak show visits Weston

by Sonja Randall
Editor-in-chief

Where can you see a woman hold a keg with one of her 20 lb breasts? Why not FSC's Weston Auditorium?

Higher education was at its finest, Monday, when people from all over Massachusetts came together in Weston Auditorium hoping that their stupid human tricks would be chosen for this Friday's airing of the David Letterman show.

The audience was quiet until Susan "Busty Heart" Sikes took off her sweater to reveal 40 pounds of breasts. The Chelmsford woman held a beer keg with one breast. Then she crushed beer cans using her breast like a sledgehammer. Sikes received a standing ovation. "I feel sorry for whoever is next," said Late Night producer Susan Sheehan.

"I don't feel any pain," said Sikes. Her agent later commented that they may try lifting a Volkswagon next.

Seventeen-year-old Peter Morello, a junior at North Middlesex Regional, took advantage of a disease for his stupid human trick. Born with Elhar Danlos Syndrome, a skin disorder, Morello stretched his skin to disgusting lengths.

As odd as his ability is, Morello will probably not make it to national television. At least not yet. "The skin kid needs more work," said Sheehan. "It's not really a trick yet."

Fitchburg resident Sonny Brisebois got a chance to perform his "fresh squeezed orange juice from my orifice."

"I hope you're going to use your mouth," said Sheehan.

Student acts included Brendan Murray who wrapped his arms all the way behind his back, flaming Dorito eater Ben Daniels, Mary Baker who performed the Lone Ranger theme with her tongue, and Joel Hurley who put himself through a plastic coat hanger.

Unfortunately most of these acts won't be seen by David Letterman. According to Sheehan the Lone Ranger tongue clicking act is popular, a veterinarian has already put himself through a coat hanger, and someone beat Daniels by eating flaming potato chips.

Resident Director of Russell Towers John Torpie and friend Laura Trego spit malted milk balls at each other from fifteen feet away and caught them in their mouths. Torpie and Trego tried four times but couldn't pull their act off. They were, however, given a fifth chance at the end of the auditions and successfully were able to accomplish their feat.

So, the question remains. Will the breast trick make it to the show? "I don't want to do something that's demeaning or painful," said Sheehan, "and it looks so gross and painful."

Friday's show will be taped at Boston University. Tune in at 11:30 pm channel 4, and perhaps you'll recognize some of your freaky friends.

Genteel entertainment for only two bucks

FSC Band. The faces change every semester, but the band plays on. file photo

Next Wednesday, November 6, the FSC band along with bands from Salem State, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Westfield State College will each perform 1/2 hour segments of music in Weston Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

The conductor of the FSC band, Professor of Humanities Dr. Frank Patterson, says the music will range from "the traditional to the modern. We are sure everyone will find the festival enjoyable."

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friends are it's true," she said.

Because of family problems Koren failed to return to school the next two semesters. Then after a year she reapplied to be denied, after originally being accepted her first year under a full paid tennis scholarship.

This was the year she decided to tell her parents.

Before I told my parents I wanted to be as accepting as possible about my own sexuality. I was sure about my feelings, but I was scared to death to tell them. My father was 'homophobic' and I'd hear things that he would say about gays," said Koren. "I had been afraid what he would say about me."

Fortunately they were accepting.

I told my father first. One day we were together and I think he saw me checking out another woman, I'm not sure, though. But anyway, he asked if I would ever be getting married. I asked him if he waned the truth and he said yes," said Koren, "Then I told him no and that I was a lesbian. He told me he loved and he always would, but he didn't ever want to discuss it again."

I told my mother a couple months later, (they were divorced), and she said she had sensed it because by that time I had a lot of gay friends. When I told her I was crying and I couldn't stop and she kept reassuring me that it's going to be ok."

Koren understood any feelings that her mother might have had in hearing this news.

She had to accept that the future that she had planned for wasn't going to happen," said Koren. "For her it was almost like a child dying. With the two words, 'I'm a lesbian', - -the future she had planned was gone."

After the denial of her school she decided to apply to FSC, which was the most local school for her. Here Koren learned of a gay, lesbian, bisexual alliance group, but it was more of an underground organization that wasn't recognized. Even the posters put up for meetings to join it would be ripped down.

It was when she got together with a member of this group that G.L.B.A, (the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Alliance), was conceived.

The organization helps people by just knowing there's a group out there. It takes a little bit of the isolation away. When you go to the group you know you have a network of friends who will support you and know what your going through because they have gone through it themselves," she said.

When looking back on her experience of coming out she said, "It was the happiest I'd ever been. I can't even describe the isolation around you when everyone is one way and your the other. It's hard to describe the repression. Coming out brought a type of freedom, it's overwhelming when you except who you are."

(Koren is presently a Adult Adviser for the Mt.Wachusett Area Gay & Lesbian Youth for high school students. They meet in Fitchburg in the Unitarian Church on the second Thursday of each month, from 7-9pm.)

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Hooray for smoking monorails!

We should change the selection of candy in the vending machines. I go to the machines daily and they are always half empty. If it just so happens that one is full all it has in it is four thousand rolls of freakin Neco's.Where is all the damn chocolate at?

Dying for a laugh?

A haircut, a shave, and a murder. Michael Fennimore and Patrick Shea in the hit comedy "Shear Madness."

Drama Review ****1/2
by Michael J. Poirier
Sports Editor

Shear Madness
currently playing at the Charles Playhouse in Boston.
shows every night, matinee on Sunday.
tickets: $28 - $30

Who killed concert pianist Isabelle Czerny with a pair of shearing scissors? In its sixteen-year-run at the Charles Playhouse in Boston, *Shear Madness*, an interactive comedy whodunit, has gotten audiences to help solve a murder mystery .

The beauty of *Shear Madness* is that the murderer can be different for every performance. This Boston production has enjoyed the longest consecutive run for a non-musical in American history and is a seven-time winner of the Boston Globe Readers' Poll Award for "Best Comedy of the Year."

Set in a unisex hairstyling salon, *Shear Madness* allows the audience to determine which of the characters murdered the pianist. As the plot unfolds you learn more and more about not only Ms. Czerny and her murder, but other characters as well.

The characters include Tony Whitcomb, a flamboyantly gay barber who rents a room from the late Ms. Czerny, Barbara DeMarco, a "friend" of Isabelle's, Eddie Lawrence, a shady antique dealer, Mrs. Schubert, a socialite of Boston, and two Boston police detectives.

What separates *Shear Madness* from other murder mysteries is the audience participation. Two police detectives accept clues and questions from the audience members. This is where the fun begins. The four suspects are interrogated by not only the police detectives, but by the audience as well, On numerous attempts the characters try to dissuade the audience from picking them as the murderer.

This "interrogation" allows the audience to interact with the performers and on several occasions the characters use jokes that are not only topical, but are city specific as well. Whether it's a crack about the Celtics, The New Kids on the Block or Bob Dole, the dialogue is funny and fresh. I had a conversation with Tony, the gay barber, about the Coriolis effect (thanks to Dr. Champlain's Geography class) and a young audience member celebrating a birthday had her name integrated into the play.

Shear Madness has enjoyed 16 years of success. The cast has changed, of course, but today's performers are as good as the last. After seeing it only two weekends ago I was again impressed, not only with the different cast, but with the intimate setting of the Charles Playhouse's Stage II. Next time you're in Boston and dying for a laugh, head down to the basement and help solve a mystery.

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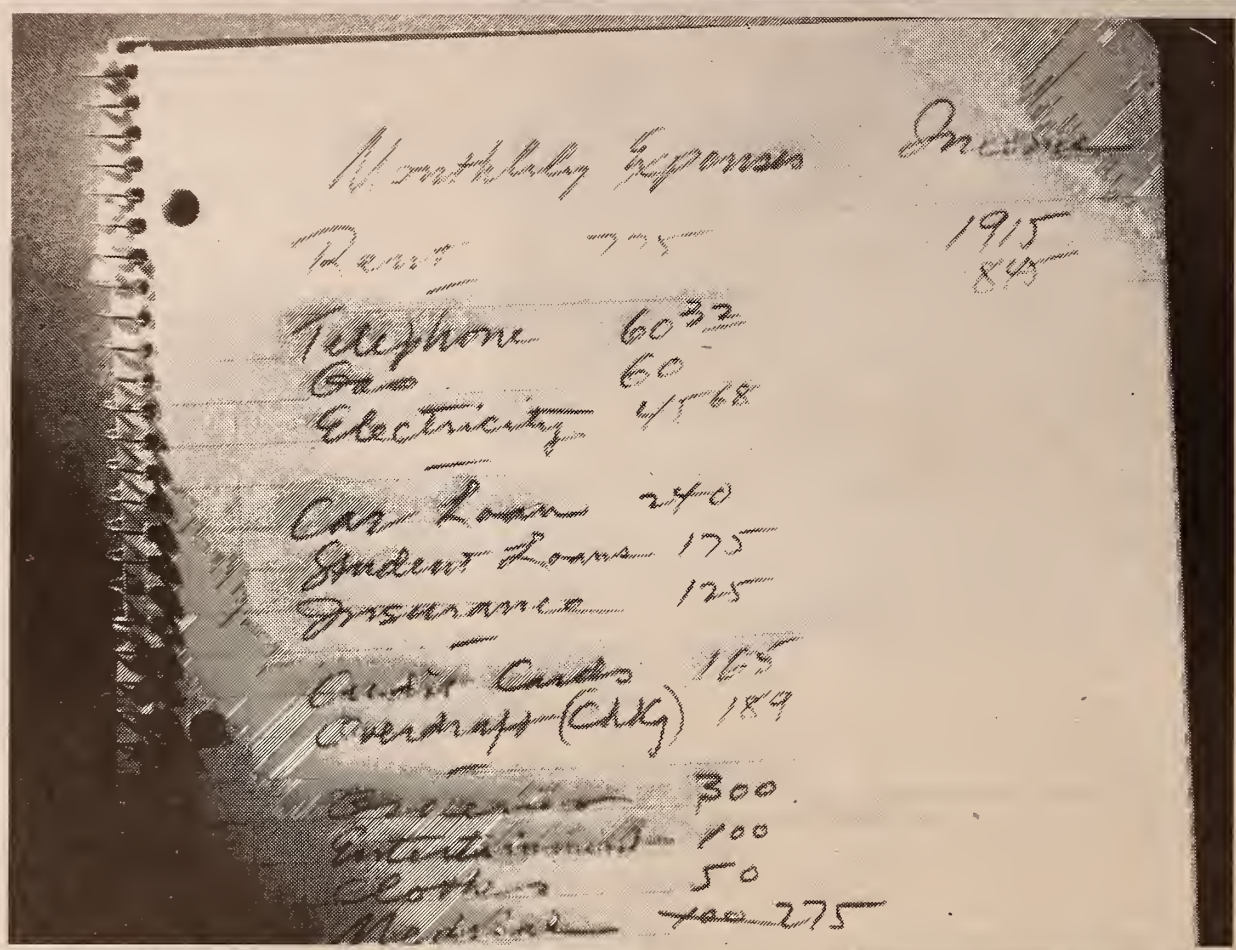

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Intramural corner

SOFTBALL

Brian Bicknell Intramural Director

This season was one of great excitement for softball where participation was at an all-time high. Fitchburg's Finest, led by Tom Levett, went undefeated during the regular season. Their best asset, however was their second baseman, Kim Nolan. Nolan not only showed off her dazzling defense, but was a solid hitter as well.

The big surprise of the year was the Dodgers strong and balanced attack. They went 4-2 on the year in large part because of Ronnie Escobar, who hit .583 with two homeruns and ten RBI. Although they were knocked out in the playoffs, they will be the team to challenge in '97.

The biggest disappointment for the year had to be the Bronx Bombers and the Ball Bangers. The Bronx Bombers had more baseball players than the baseball team itself, yet had a difficult time defeating the mediocre teams. The Ball Bangers made a weak attempt to defend their title despite spirited play from Jim Shamburger and Chris Hunt. Look for this team to rebound next year.

One of the highlights of the season was Todd Shea of CBC who moved into first place as the career hits leader in FSC intramural softball history.

Sig Tau provided the only Greek challenge this fall and despite having the toughest schedule played solidly throughout the course of the season just falling short of a .500 record at 2-4.

First Team Intramural Softball All-Stars

Position	Name	AVG	HR	RBI
OF	Tom Levett	.643	5	18
OF	Tracy Barber	.682	2	11
OF	Tom Gordon	.769	6	19
OF	Carlos Alberto	.579	0	12
1B	Ronnie Escobar	.583	2	10
2B	Kim Nolan	.368	0	3
SS	Damon Moore	.600	4	11
3B	Mike Quinn	.455	0	6
P	Derek Kilduff	.684	3	14
C	Christine Girl	.353	0	2

MALE MVP - TOM GORDON
FEMALE MVP - KIM NOLAN
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR - LAURA ZNOJ (6-0 3.74 ERA)

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL FINAL STANDINGS

Fitchburg's Finest	6-0
Dodgers	4-1
Gamblers	4-2
CBC	3-3
Sailors	3-3
Bronx Bombers	2-4
Sig Tau	2-4
Ball Bangers	2-4
SD & SP	0-5

STREET HOCKEY

Street Hockey had the same old song for this regular season. The Champions went undefeated and the Fire Engines continued to play the role of second best. Engine goaltender Guy McKinnon played exceptionally throughout the course of the season and made some of the most incredible saves in FSC street hockey history, but has yet to win the big game. McKinnon and the Engines have one more shot before they are lost to graduation.

TENNIS

So far Eddie Brisett has been on cruise control in the Tennis intramural scene as he managed to defeat Paul Reggio, Dave Anwar and Phil Convoy in succession. Brisett now faces the toughest challenge of his tennis career as he squares off against Sports Info Director Dave Marsh.

SPECIAL THANKS

As the Intramural Director I would like to thank the following people for outstanding service to the intramural program that went above and beyond the call of "play ball."

It is because of these people that FSC has enjoyed its strongest participation in fall intramurals ever. Special thanks to:

Becky Robidoux, Dianne Horwath, Carlos Alberto Jr. , Derrick Kilduff, Charles Cannon, Brian Galpin, Sean Hennassy and Ashley Aube. Keep up the good work.

Intramural athletes of the week

Oct 13 - 19 — **Player of the week - Joe Centrella (Street Hockey and Softball)**
Greek of the week - Al Herzog (Sig Tau)

Oct 20-26 — **Player of the week - Mick McCarthy**
Greek of the week - Al Herzog (Sig Tau)

Upcoming intramural preview

Among the events offered for intramurals over the next few months are the following: Badminton, Basketball, Biathalon, Billiards, Bowling, Darts, Flag Football, Ping-Pong, Spring Golf, Tennis, Soccer, Wiffleball and FSC's version of the Extreme Games. If you have any questions about these sporting events please feel free to contact me in the intramural office.

Don't say it, just don't say it!

Mike Poirier Sports Editor

As Yankee third baseman Charlie Hayes moved into foul ground to catch Mark Lemke's foul ball, putting an end to the World Series, I suddenly found myself becoming violently ill. I'm not sure if it was the chicken nuggets I ate that evening or the fact that the Yankees won the Series. It was probably the Yankees. In fact I'm sure of it.

As we were reminded throughout the course of that day to set our clocks back I was hoping that Atlanta could set the days back instead. When Braves' reliever hung that slider to Yankee catcher Jim Leyritz Wednesday night to tie the fourth game, I could suddenly feel the Series shifting in New York's direction and my stomach turning at the same time. The Yanks' pitching took over, shutting out the Atlanta offense, during the the fifth game my malady worsened.

Saturday came and I suddenly felt something in the pit of my stomach. I had recalled Reggie's three homeruns in '77, Bucky Dent's homerun in '78, and Mookie Wilson's grounder in '86 (different team, same city). I knew right there and then that it was inevitable that the men in pinstripes were going to win. Peptol Bismol was looking better and better every minute.

I tortured myself with the postgame show watching Wade Boggs, who ten years ago was on the other bench (remember the single tear?) , talk about teamwork and self sacrifice. Sleep would not come easy that night as my dreams were haunted with images of the ticker tape parade down Broadway, New York Mayor Giuliani's kid being obnoxious on the podium, and everyone talking about Yankee Pride.

After a couple of days I feel better, but cannot bring myself to hear World Series Champion New York Yankees just yet. It makes me a little woozy and anyway I ran out of Peptol Bismol last night.

Letter to the editor: There's more than football

by Steven Barch
Contributing Writer

I am reacting to the October 16, 1996 issue of "The Strobe" in which the Sports section focused on Major League Baseball rather than FSC sports other than football.

Sure the playoffs are heating up and I'm an avid sports fan, however, if I wanted to find out about professional sports teams I could easily read about them in the daily paper or catch the highlights on television. Need I mention the fact that these articles were written about the New York Yankees, whom if correct, are not too popular with true Boston Red Sox fans, especially the new twelve-year old, mafioso poster child, Jeffrey Maier.

There must be several athletes attending FSC who have overcome some adversities in order to play the sports they love. You may want to look into a personal story or interview one of the school's athletes.

Each week we read about how the football team lost, but let's not forget the other fall sports like: women's / men's soccer, women's volleyball and field hockey, which deserve more than just a paragraph in the "weekly wrapup."

I understand that the Strobe is understaffed, but I'm sure that certain players on these teams would consider writing about the sport they played hoping to better publicize the team.

This is not a "knock" against the Strobe, just an opinion which should be considered.

EDITOR'S RESPONSE
by Michael J. Poirier
Sports Editor

Responding to the October 21, 1996 letter written by Steven Barch in which he notes that the Sports Section focused on Major League Baseball rather than FSC sports, other than football, in the October 16, 1996 issue I would like to respond.

Mr. Barch mentions that if he wanted to read about professional teams he would read a daily paper or catch the highlights. I agree with Mr. Barch that the Strobe's main purpose is to focus on the events at FSC, but if we do not allow ourselves to look beyond the boundaries of this campus we isolate ourselves from a world that as future graduates we will enter into someday. When I write about an event such as the Major League Baseball playoffs my intent is to give a different spin or perspective, not only to the college community here at FSC, but to a community outside FSC who may read this paper. As far as the Yankees as concerned, I hate them as much as the next Red Sox fan, but the fact is that they are currently the World Series Champions. As far as young Mr. Maier is concerned his fifteen minutes of fame were up over three minutes ago.

I invite anyone, including Mr. March, to write for the Strobe in an effort to better publicize the athletes here at FSC and tell their stories. This paper encourages any student to express his or her ideas on any topic, including sports, even if it falls outside the realm of FSC.

What happened to men's soccer?

by Steven W. Beck
Correspondent

For years the FSC men's soccer team has been the bright spot in FSC's fall sports program, highlighted by their fourteen straight winning seasons. This year that bright spot got extinguished as they sport a 4-11 record going into their last two games of the season.

The team from the start had some immediate obstacles to overcome. Last year's top gun and prominent goal scorer, Nate Arnold, didn't suit up and return to the field due to prior commitments. Another problem that has haunted not only the soccer program, but the college as well is that since FSC is a Division III school, scholarships for athletes are not offered due to NCAA regulations. Because of this limitation FSC, along with other Div. III schools, have a difficult time developing players and programs.

In the beginning of September the team took to the field, giving up their time, sometimes their body, and always their hearts in an effort to continue the proud winning tradition that is men's soccer here at FSC. Because of graduation, only two seniors remain from last year's team. The problems of leadership arose, but with the rest of the upper-classman and freshman ready to play, the leadership problem quickly dissipated and the outlook for the year was to have another good year for Falcon soccer fans.

FSC Men's Soccer Captain John Toney Photo Courtesy of Dave Marsh

The team started out of the gate with a 2-2 record, but scoring goals with regularity was an immediate concern which would haunt them as the season wore on. The defense would be solid throughout those first few games, with midfielder Dave Paez (The dribbling phenom) tearing it up with his quick footedness and solid play. The team had scored five goals in an earlier game, but it was obvious that the team would spend the remainder of the season relying on that defense.

After those first four games suddenly the team fell apart, losing nine games in a row and not having the ability to put another W in that win column. The inability to score goals, the total reliance on a bruised and battered defense and the losing streak had taken a great deal of confidence out of the team. The team would still show up everyday ready to give their all, but suddenly winning season number fifteen was looking more doubtful after every game.

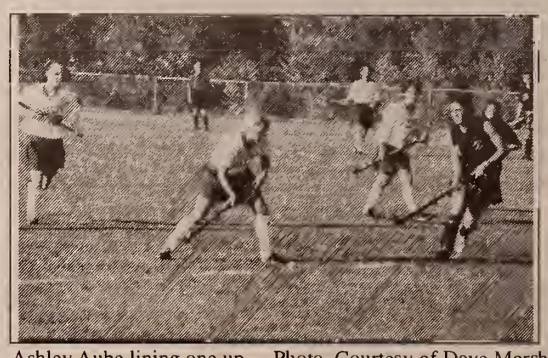
Although they suffer through the season, the team's spirit can be seen through their captains, John Toney and Rich Farrant, who earlier this year at a rally for FSC athletes, led the crowd into a cheer, hoping to infuse their spirt and heart into what has been a disappointing season.

At times during the season the team has shown that they have the necessary skills to win, but haven't always had the chemistry as a team to get that elusive W. It takes ninety minutes of inspired play to win each game and hopefully the Falcons can gather up some of that inspiration and grab a couple more wins before the season is over.

Athlete of the week

Amy Taylor was named athlete of the week for finishing second in the MASCAC Cross Country Championships held this past weekend in Westfield. Taylor led the Ladyfalcons to a second place overall finish. Taylor has been FSC's top runner all season and ran the course in 20:26.4. With her second place finish, Taylor earned All-MASCAC honors in her initial season with the Falcons.

Weekly wrap-up



Ashley Aube lining one up. Photo Courtesy of Dave Marsh

The Field Hockey team posted a pair of wins over the past week to put them at 5-10 on the season. Junior forward Ashley Aube scored three goals and earned a spot on the MASCAC Weekly Honor Roll. Aube leads the team with twelve points.

After defeating Framingham State, the Women's Volleyball team moves to 6-19 on the season and 2-3 in MASCAC play. Sophomore Charrington Hicks continued her improved play with a solid all-around game.

The Women's Soccer team moves to 10-5 on the season after winning two out of three games over the week. Junior Maryann Barrett, who currently has eleven points on the season, is only two points away from tying Ginger Boermeester's career record of 61 points.

Umass-Dartmouth defeated the Falcon football team 49-22 Saturday putting them at 0-7 on the season. Highlights included quarterback Jason Dyer, who threw for 251 yards and three touchdowns and earned a spot on the ECAC and NEFC Honor Rolls. Jason Lobik also had a great game catching six passes, giving him 50 for his career and breaking the long standing record of 49 held by Jim Iarrabino.

STERLING CUP UPDATE

The FSC Field Hockey team defeated Worcester State 1-0 last week on Ashley Aube's overtime goal. The Lancers currently lead the series 3-2.

Run Falcons run

by Karen Druker
Correspondent

The MASCAC cross-country championship meet was held this past weekend at Westfield State College. The Falcon men and women were looking to establish themselves as strong challengers and the Ladyfalcons werepursuing their third consecutive MASCAC title. Overall, the men placed eight while the women fell short, placing second to Westfield State.

The women attacked the 3.1 course first, fighting with every step to maintain the title they had held over the past two years. Although FSC freshman Amy Taylor finished second with a time of 20:26 and senior captain Laurie Pouliot finished 12th at 21:45, the Ladyfalcons lost the meet to a strong Westfield State team. "Westfield has always been our rival and this year they were very competitive," said Pouliot , "We did our best to try to win it."

Other outstanding performances were turned in by Tonya Pickett who finished 20th, AnnMarie Campo who crossed the line in 26th place and Sarah Leonard who completed the course in 35th place. Also providing some solid competition throughout the race were Michelle Bouchay, Jen Gauthier, Leah Ranville, Suzanne Whitnell, Amy Paquette and Beverly Horsch.

The men took the course next and faced some stiff competition for five miles . Jeff McCarthy was the top finisher for FSC in 39th place with a time of 31:32 while Derek Spilman came in at 34:55. Other strong finishes were turned by Erik Zifcak, Jay Bramble and freshman Mark Teator. Despite nursing a nagging injury, senior captain Pete Deminai also finished strongly. year. "The team is in a rebuilding year," Deminai said, "but we have some talent and the future FSC men's cross country will be a formidable force."

Coach Jim Jellison would like to remind everyone that practice for track starts November 1st. All levels of ability are welcome and practices are held at the McKay gym.

FSC action this week

Thursday	**Oct 31**	**Volleyball vs. WPI**	**Home**	**7:00**
		Men's Soccer vs. Umass Lowell	**Away**	**3:30**
Saturday	**Nov 2**	**Football vs. Maine Maritime**	**Home**	**noon**
		Men's Soccer vs. North Adams State	**Home**	**6:00**
		Women's Soccer at Bridgewater	**Away**	**noon**
		W & M Cross Country at ECACs	**Away**	**tba**

"Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing."

- Vince Lombardi